

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Statement for Reasons of Allowance

This Office Action is responsive to the amendment filed on 3/3/08. Claims 24-29 are pending. Claims 20-23 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-19 have been cancelled. Applicant's remarks filed in the request have been fully considered and are persuasive, in light of the Examiner's Amendment indicated herein.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art of record fails to teach or suggest fairly the claimed invention of a dishwasher having a washing and drying program, means for controlling the dishwashing operations of the dishwasher such that in response to an interruption of an ongoing execution of the drying program and a resumption of the drying program, a parameter value is measured and analyzed to determine whether a predetermined deviation of the measured parameter value from a nominal value is present or absent and, in a first given circumstance, the drying program is resumed if an absence of the predetermined deviation from a nominal value is determined and, in a second given circumstance, the washing program and the drying program are restarted if a presence of the predetermined deviation is determined.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James Howard on 6/4/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 20-23.

In claim 24, lines 17-18, delete --a selected one of a presence of the predetermined deviation and--.

In claim 24, lines 21-22, delete --the other of the presence of the predetermined deviation and the absence-- and insert --a presence--.

In claim 27, lines 7-9, delete --, in the event of the other of the predetermined deviation and the absence of the predetermined deviation--.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RITA R. PATEL whose telephone number is (571)272-8701. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Barr can be reached on (571) 272-1414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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